



**March 1, 2016.** Tennessee "freezes" its current **priority and focus schools**. These schools keep their improvement status and continue their interventions through the 2016-17 school year, but may exit earlier if they show dramatic improvement.

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**March 21, 2016.** The U.S. Department of Education begins the **federal rulemaking process** for the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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**Ongoing.** The Tennessee Department of Education partners with the Governor, the state legislature, school districts, teachers and school staff, and other stakeholders to develop a **state plan under Title I**. The plan is approved by a federally appointed peer review team within 120 days.

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**School Years 2015-16 and 2016-17.** States and school districts continue publishing **annual report cards**, as required under No Child Left Behind. States and districts no longer have to report whether students met achievement goals, however, or include information on teacher quality.

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**August 1, 2016.** Tennessee's **waiver expires**. The state must continue supporting interventions in its priority and focus schools until the new Title I state plan is put in place no later than school year 2017-18.

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**Fall 2016.** The Tennessee Department of Education releases a **draft state plan** for stakeholder review.

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**School Year 2016-17.** Most federal funding is allocated to school districts using the original **No Child Left Behind formulas** for the last time.



**February/March 2017.** The Tennessee Department of Education approves the **new state plan**.

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**School Year 2017-18.**

- Federal funding is distributed to school districts using the new **Every Student Succeeds Act funding formulas**.
- Tennessee begins using its new or revised **accountability and intervention systems**.
- Tennessee identifies schools for **comprehensive support and improvement**. As with priority and focus schools, this list is released every three years.